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Friend May

I was surprised
and disgusted that the
Spy should have allowed
Eli Thayers ribald article
in its columns at all much
more as editorial. But I
think Mr. Green the editor
is not principally to the Garri-
sonians, and without him-
self reaching or looking at
the entire correspondence
accepted Eli's screed.

Both my own letter and Mr.
Robinsons reply were published
in the N.Y. Sunday Tribune of
the 6th and Eli had sent
me a copy which I enclose
as you may not have seen
it. It was for see furnished

by Thayer who procured it from
Robinson, and he does not
add much of his ribald non-
sense to it. Merely the fling
of one a Unionist and the other
a Disunionist.

I am glad the entire letters
were published, as a whole
they are satisfactory to me,
for although Robinson's letter
is mainly a fulsome eulo-
gy of Thayer, and although
he does say that he thinks
Thayer does not claim too
much, when he claims the
whole. Still he shows
in another place, that the
Garrisonians were the foun-
dation and life of the whole
movement for the Abolition
of Slavery and honors them
accordingly, while Eli' has

only scoffs and falsehoods to
endow them with.

I would like to have the slip
containing the correspondence
returned to me at your con-
venience,

I will send O. Johnson the arti-
cle of Eli's in Saturdays Spy
as also the other one I promise
you for the Mondays paper.

They took large liberty with
what I wrote, but as in the whole
they published the extracts I
had cited and indeed a
little more in the context, though
one final sentence they omitted.
I am content to have it there.

I carefully avoided personal
reflections, as in a contro-
versy of sharp words Eli could
out talk me. Still I think
that calling me Bulake who

brought Baalam (Robinson)
to cure Israel (Thayer) is far
from true. As I made no
call for condemnation but
only an appeal for candid
fairness of judgment,
I might have replied that
was the ASS that spoke.
The fact of the Spy having
committed itself to Thayer by
giving his article editorial pre-
ference, precluded them from
admitting any thing critical
of the article, as newspaper
etiquette does not allow self-criticism.

I have some doubt about any
opportunity to read my letter to
the Soc. of Antiquity. They think they
have heard enough about it and
voted to close the subject last Spring
when Thayer's collection of letters was read
by Mr. Rice and we had a little discus-
sion of the matter. But I shall hope
to get them in some time, and will
send some of them in the Spy I think. J. H. H.